

## Children's Ministry

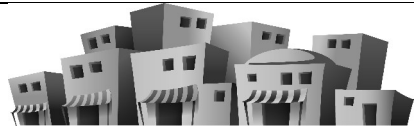
April 9 – **Palm Sunday** Processional  
**The Jerusalem Marketplace**

April 16 – **Easter – NO Sunday School**  
May 7 – **First Food Shelf** Sunday



### **Palm Sunday Processional**

Children should report to Classroom A by 8:50 a.m. or by 10:10 a.m. They will get a palm branch, their scarf, and then they will line up to participate in the processional.



### **The Jerusalem Marketplace Palm Sunday 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.**

- Play a **game** or participate in a **“Roman” Soldier Drill** in the **Narthex**.
- **In the Fellowship Hall:** Try some sweetmeat candy at The Candy Shop; eat Bedouin Bread or Poor Man's Loaf at The Bakery; taste figs, dates or pomegranate juice in the Farmer's Market; make grain at the Grain Mill. Visit The Basket Shop, The Carpentry Shop, The Coin-Making Shop, The Herb and Spice Shop, The Jewelry Shop, The Musical Instruments Shop, The Perfume Shop, The Pottery Shop, The Toy-Making Shop, or The Weaver's Shop; arrive early to investigate which shop and/or project you would like to visit first; Shalom!

- We invite **Adults** to participate with the children during and/or between services and we strongly encourage parents of three, four, five and six year olds to do so.

- If you are willing to **lend tent poles or canopies**, for the marketplace, bring them to church by **Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 p.m.** Please bring **baskets** and other **decorations**, such as **solid colored cloth, etc., by Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 a.m.** Cash donations are also welcome.

#### **Volunteer Opportunities:**

- **Jerusalem Marketplace** “shop” set up Friday evening, April 7
- Finish set up – Decorate Marketplace Saturday, April 8, 9:30 a.m.
- Assist with tear down on Palm Sunday Sunday, April 9, 11:30 a.m.
- Please contact Deb Nelson if you would like any additional information.

**Our prayers and condolences** go to Vance England on the death of his niece, Krista; to Randy Schreiner and Cindy Bittner on the death of his mother; to Marge Bathen on the death of her cousin; and condolences to the family of Grace Green who passed away this past weekend.

The next Steppingstone will go out on April 19<sup>th</sup>. Articles need to be turned in to the church office by Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>.

## **NOTICE**

Caroline Felland is quitting as the Funeral Lunch Coordinator. This position has always been held by a WIM organization member. However, it is now open to anyone who is a member of St. Stephen. A new policy can be worked out. Maybe 3 or 4 would like to take it on together and divide it up by duties or by months they would be available to do a funeral lunch. Call Caroline Felland (651-777-7622) or the church office if you are interested and would like more information. It is an excellent way to be of service to St. Stephen, and to our Lord, Jesus Christ.

## **TREASURER NEEDED**

We are looking for a person who is willing to serve as treasurer to pay the bills and prepare the monthly income and expense report. If you may be willing to serve in this capacity, please talk with one of the pastors.

## **SUMMER CAMP AT WAPO**

There still is room for summer Bible campers at WAPO. Turn in your registrations (copies in the church office) as soon as possible (before Easter would be preferred). Our dates at WAPO are August 6-11 but other dates are available. Any questions, check with Paul Schultz, 651-426-9128.

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## **TANZANIA BRAIDED BREAD SALE**

Pick up your order for braided bread on Palm Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, in the church narthex.

## **Pastor Dan's Godspeed Celebration!!**

April 30<sup>th</sup> promises to be an historic day in the life of St. Stephen.

After leading us in morning worship, Pastor Dan will be honored in the evening with a celebration dinner at Jimmy's Banquet Center on County Road E, starting at 5:00 p.m.

We hope everyone can attend this joyous event to celebration Pastor Dan's 28 years of service to our congregation and wish him the best in his retirement.

The cost is \$20 per person. Tickets can be purchased on Sunday morning and at the church office.

### Adult Forum

#### **April 9**

“Authenticity - Being Honest with God and Others” *Led by Rolf Iverson*

#### **April 23**

“Recent Immigrants in our Midst”. Who are they? An exploration of the challenges and concerns surrounding the settlement of newcomers. Discussion of legal status, personal and work adjustments, traditions and belief systems of various groups, and organizations that give support. *Led by Linde Getahun*

#### **April 30 and May 7**

“FaithSearch – Discovery” is designed to deliver the “Ah-ha” moment that can change your life! This two-part series answers vital questions that you may have had about your Christian faith. Is the Bible true? How can I truly know God? What about the recent Da Vinci Code claims? Come discover the answers to these and other questions through the insights and evidence presented in *FaithSearch – Discover*.

*Led by Rev. Denny McKeever*